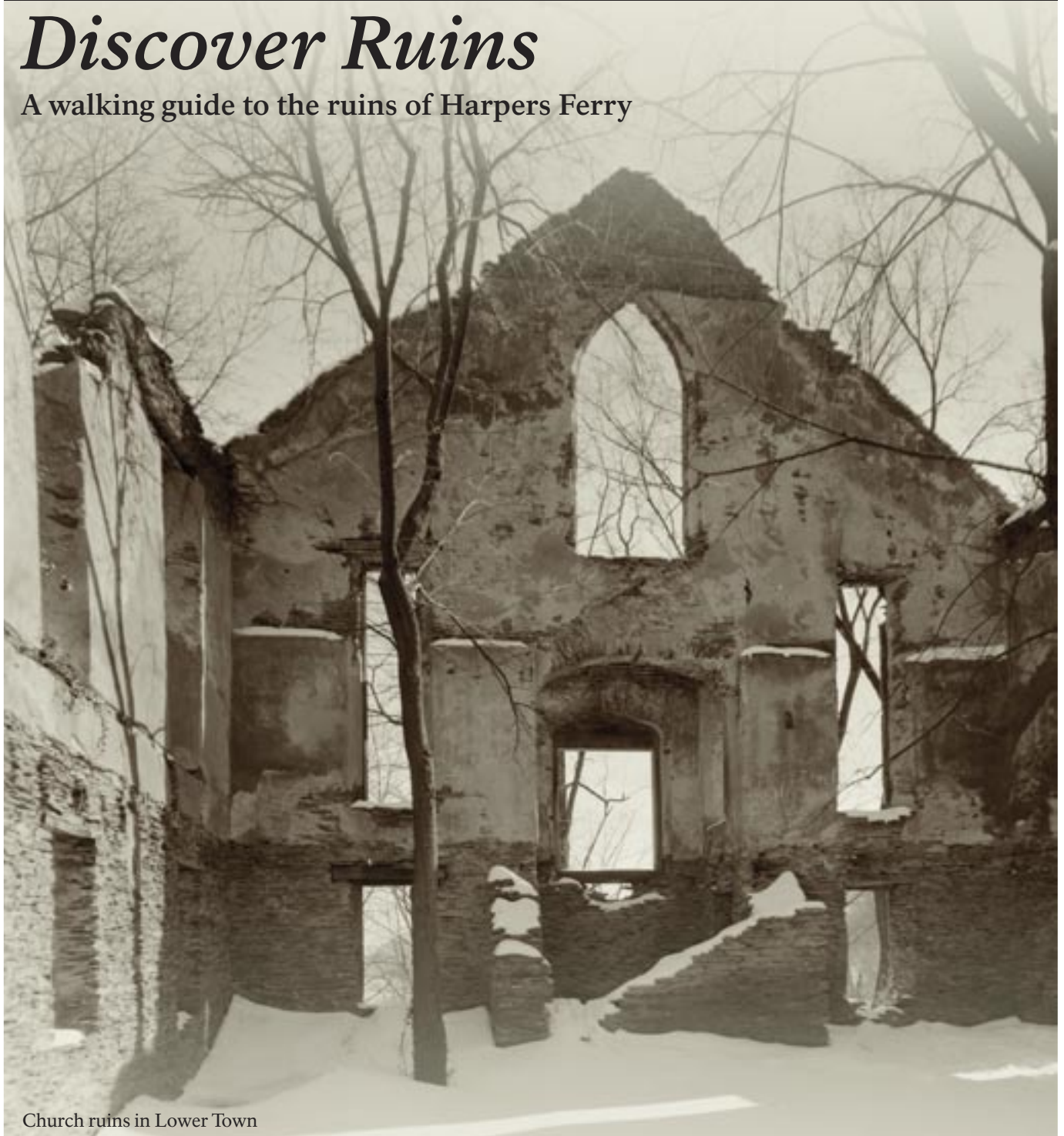


Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



# *Discover Ruins*


A walking guide to the ruins of Harpers Ferry



Church ruins in Lower Town

EXPERIENCE THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY

## Walk to these ruins

All self-guiding walking tours begin at the Lower Town bus shelter. 

Ride the free shuttle bus from the Visitor Center to the Lower Town.

Times and distances are round-trip from the bus shelter.

*Ruins are fragile. Thank you for not walking or climbing on any ruins.*

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### ① **Virginus Island** *Factory ruins*

Easy 45-minute walk on a 0.9-mile round-trip trail

Pick up a trail map at the Master Armorer's House. 

Walk under the railroad trestle toward the river. Turn right on the dirt path (Hamilton Street). Cross the footbridge over the Shenandoah Canal. Follow the Virginus Island Trail.

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### ② **Hamilton Street** *Ghost outlines of 19<sup>th</sup>-century buildings*

Easy 15-minute walk among ruins

 Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Walk under the railroad trestle toward the river. Follow the dirt path (Hamilton Street) on a loop through the ruins.

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### ③ **Restoration Museum** *Archeology of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century building*

Easy 10-minute walk to park exhibit

 Wheelchair accessible with assistance


Follow the sidewalk into town. The museum is next to Frankel's Clothing Store. (Note: there is no identifying sign on the Restoration Museum).

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### ④ **Arsenal Square** *Foundations of arsenal authorized by George Washington*

Easy 10-minute walk to arsenal foundations

 Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Follow the sidewalk into town. Pass the Master Armorer's House.  Turn right onto the dirt path next to the ropes around the ruins of the small arsenal.

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### ⑤ **The Point** *19<sup>th</sup>-century bridge ruins*

Easy 10-minute walk to scenic overlook

 Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn right at John Brown's Fort. Walk under the railroad bridge. Continue to the railing overlooking the rivers.

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### ⑥ **Church Ruins** *19<sup>th</sup>-century church ruins*

Moderate to strenuous 30-minute hike along 0.8-mile trail

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn left on High Street. Climb the stone steps on the left. Follow the trail to the church ruins on the right.

## Lower Town



### 7 Lower Armory Grounds


*Foundations of armory authorized by George Washington*

Easy 20-minute walk to trail through lower armory grounds

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn left on Potomac Street. Look for the signs to Lower Armory Grounds. Walk up the slope towards the John Brown Fort Obelisk. **Do not follow the road onto the railroad bridge.** Turn left at the obelisk. Follow the trail to the wooden steps. Descend the steps to the armory site.

### 8 Footbridge to C&O Canal

*Potomac River rapids, 19<sup>th</sup>-century bridge ruins*

Easy 15-minute walk to scenic overlook  
 Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn right at John Brown's Fort. Walk under the railroad bridge. Walk up the slope. Turn left and follow the brick path onto the footbridge.

### Short on Time?

For a ruins tour in less than one hour, walk to Arsenal Square and The Point (see map on the previous page).